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17 messages

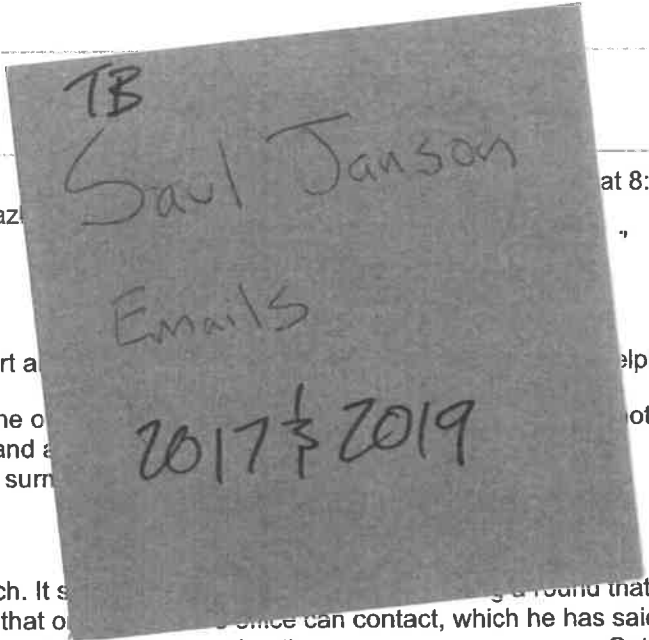
Saul Janson <

To: < >, Taylor Bazley

Cc: < >

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at 8:26 AM



Thanks so much for this —and ' for your support a help!

I would support a GoFundMe campaign at this point. I think the o not  
totally clear on how it works in terms of accessing the funds and a  
enough or the project falls through for some reason. I'm sure sur

It would be great if you could find all that out Alli.

I think we need someone to be in charge of the email/outreach. It s  
should be amalgamated/coordinated. Taylor has a large one that o  
they would do. I believe (or at ) has a list from their work on getting the Gate  
moved. And EVNA has a large list—hopefully they will help us out. helped out with the project at Venice and  
Electric and may have more names. We also need to reach out to people not on the list—and suggested local real  
estate agents, which is a great idea. offered to go door-to-door. Taylor can help with city agencies/local  
pols if there is any accessible money there; seems to be a little.

As for Diamond Landscaping, I will contact and the guy who forwarded the bid by email. I will cc you and  
transition you to be point person with him. I think we should let him know that we will move forward with him, pending  
raising the money and, perhaps, some adjustments depending on the fundraising situation. Taylor—how long will it take to  
get the permit once we are in the position to move forward?

—as for your suggestion of partnering with an outreach group of some sort, I think it is a great idea though not sure  
options or feasibility. Taylor could probably address this. Maybe we could create a way for people to donate something to  
help those affected when we solicit donations. I think it would have to be specific and targeted locally to make sense, but  
that is only my opinion.

Thanks All.

Best,

Saul

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

**From:**  
**Sent:** Friday, October 5, 2018 7:16 PM  
**To:** Taylor Bazley  
**Cc:** ; Saul Janson; ;  
**Subject:** Re: Hi. Met you at the Venice Town Hall

Saul, no need to shoulder the responsibility of this all on your own! Myself, and Taylor are all here to help and  
fundraising I think will be a cinch. A go fund me page is a great idea. I am happy to look into it and perhaps work with one  
of you on the look, wording etc. Additionally an email or a flyer to everyone in the area letting them know about the go  
fund me would be essential! Happy to help with all of this!

Lastly, I was wondering what your thoughts were on partnering with an outreach program to try to help, or place, or give support to those affected who will be uprooted. Perhaps they can see if anyone wants/needs help before the project starts.

Thank you Saul, Thank you Taylor! Appreciate everyone's attention to this matter and think everyone in the community will be so appreciative!

On Oct 5, 2018, at 4:30 PM, Taylor Bazley <taylor.bazley@lacity.org> wrote:

We are just waiting on a fiscal receiver and that is the main function I think people envisioned the EVNA fulfilling but otherwise you don't need to wait on some sort of vote or anything.

Absolutely to helping fundraiser - let me know the plan. If it is an event we will be there, if it is an email campaign we will send around the email, if it is a phone campaign i'll bring a crew to make calls. You call the shots and I will enthusiastically support.

On Thu, Oct 4, 2018 at 12:13 PM

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1> wrote:

Hey Taylor,

Thanks for your speedy response and for your assistance in getting this project off the ground! I've been in touch with Saul and I'm aware that he got a bid from a company who could start the process which is really great. I know he's been working hard on this. It seems the next stage is fundraising for this project and I wanted to help initiate that process. You mentioned you'd be willing to help us fundraise which is great! Thank you!

So it sounds like we have the plan and the permit and are just waiting on the board of the EVNA at this point to approve the proposal? After its approved we should be able to start fundraising right? Just trying to understand exactly where we are at this point so I can help be point of reference for my neighbors.

Once things are ready to go I was hoping that we'd be able to send out a mass email to all of those who were at the community meeting. If you or the EVNA has access to that it would be enormously helpful.

Thanks again!

On Wed, Oct 3, 2018 at 4:48 PM Taylor Bazley <taylor.bazley@lacity.org> wrote:

Hi

It is public right of way exactly similar to a sidewalk or parkway.

The Venice Blvd. example I helped permit and secure a substantial public grant as well as fulfill some tree trimming but didn't directly contract - a community partner was the project coordinator. Usually community partners would lead a community beautification and I support that. In this case I have been supportive of helping to design the hardscape plan for (see attached), get it permitted (at cost to the City), help figure out the organization of the plan, and have offered fanatically to assist with fundraising and grant making.

The East Venice Neighborhood Association organized that meeting - their board is meeting to discuss taking up the proposal for hardscape improvements.

Saul and the EVNA are CCed here - I am sure they would love the offer to help make this proposal a reality.

-Taylor

On Tue, Oct 2, 2018 at 2:01 PM, < > wrote:

Hey Taylor,

My name is and I live at which backs right up to the homeless encampment along Penmar Golf Course on . As I'm sure you're aware, things have only escalated since our meeting with you and Adrian the Chief of Police. I had some questions regarding this strip of land.

1. Who owns that strip of land? Does the city own it? Does Cal Trans own it?
2. You mentioned you had success beautifying a piece of land on Venice Blvd. What company did you use to do that and who financed that project?
3. What was the name of the representative who organized the town hall meeting? A few of us would like to start an email chain amongst ourselves so we could provide info, advice, etc to our neighbors. Anyone was at the town hall gave their email clearly wants to be involved in a plan to help the situation.

I've ccd a few fellow neighbors as I know they are eager to have these questions answered as well.

Thank you,

Allison Altschuler

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Sat, Oct 6, 2018 at 4:44 PM

To: Saul Janson <...>  
Cc: Taylor Bazley <taylor.bazley@lacity.org>

1. Just keep in mind that even though GoFundMe is free, there will be a processing fee to withdraw the funds, something like 2.9% either through PayPal or credit card
2. I'd like to see if Venice Resistance is willing to be the fiduciary before you start the GoFundMe campaign
3. I can solicit for emails from NextDoor, I can create an email " " for people to respond and I will forward all the emails to Taylor for safekeeping. I also have an email list from our neighborhood watch group.
4. A lot of people jog or bike through that area, and the current design is not particularly runner or biker friendly, is there any room for modification? I know I'm a late comer to the project, but I figure I ask.

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Sat, Oct 6, 2018 at 5:05 PM

To: Saul Janson <...>  
Cc: Taylor Bazley <taylor.bazley@lacity.org>

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Sat, Oct 6, 2018 at 9:26 PM

To: <...>  
Cc: Saul Janson <...>, Taylor Bazley <taylor.bazley@lacity.org>

Re: #4

I'm certainly not a planning expert but I believe the only places that homeless people are NOT allowed to live / pile trash on are places that actually block pedestrians from walking through. In other words if a sidewalk is wide enough for both a tent and for people to walk, then tents will appear.

So I believe that's a primary factor in the design, and the biggest reason why we wouldn't want to make a big wide straight bike-style pathway. I think runners won't have a problem with the current design.

Sent from my iPhone

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Sat, Oct 6, 2018 at 10:01 PM

Saul Janson <...>  
To: <...>  
Cc: Taylor Bazley <taylor.bazley@lacity.org>

I agree with and I also don't think we should start re-designing the plan. We inherited it but I actually think it is fine for joggers and bikers. And we are only talking about a stretch that is about a block long.

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Mon, Oct 8, 2018 at 12:43 PM

To: Saul Janson <...>  
Cc: Taylor Bazley <taylor.bazley@lacity.org>

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-One person becomes the beneficiary and can withdraw funds as needed. The beneficiary will have it linked to their bank account so funds can be transferred. We would need to discuss who this person should be and the person should be different than the go fund me organizer so the organizer can keep tabs on withdrawl transactions.

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Also, if the plan falls through for whatever reason we can work together to find another landscape architect.

Lastly, If we want to get together to discuss in person happy to have everyone over house!

Best,

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Tue, Oct 9, 2018 at 2:45 PM

To:  
Cc: Taylor Bazley <taylor.bazley@lacity.org>,

I would be happy to aggregate the emails and Taylor already has a list. Taylor, will you be the one sending out the emails for fundraising and answer questions about the project?

I am waiting to hear back from Venice Resistance to see if they are willing to be the fiduciary for the money. Their board meeting is next week. At \$80K, 2.9% is \$2320 which is not a small amount but if we can't find anyone to do it that GoFundMe is the only way.

Thanh

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Tue, Oct 9, 2018 at 3:28 PM

To: Taylor Bazley <taylor.bazley@lacity.org>

That's awesome ! Hopefully Venice resistance pulls through. If not, we could explore finding a corporate sponsor either from one of the real estate companies or a tech company as previously mentioned. Anyone know how we'd go about that or have a contact?

Saul, if you want to give me some of those business cards I'm happy to reach out directly. You can leave em in my mailbox while you're taking the dog for a walk. I'll cc you on all correspondence.

Having everyone on board and ready to contribute is a really awesome feeling!

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Taylor Bazley <taylor.bazley@lacity.org> Tue, Oct 9, 2018 at 5:11 PM

To: Saul Janson <>>

The questions I think that were in my direction were permitting - to be clear assuming there are no revisions necessary this should be approved same day (especially since it was already permitted once before).

As far as me advertising the fundraiser I would plan to forward some sort of call for donations to all the emails I have. I would prefer to give up the emails but that would be a violation of people's privacy since I represent the government.

-Taylor

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Tue, Oct 9, 2018 at 5:29 PM

To: Taylor Bazley <taylor.bazley@lacity.org>

Taylor

I will give you the emails that I have once I have permission. Is that OK?

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Wed, Oct 10, 2018 at 12:31 PM

To: Taylor Bazley <taylor.bazley@lacity.org>

Cc: >, Saul Janson <>, <>

Hey Taylor,

I've been chatting with a friend of mine who used to work in Mayor Garcetti's office and he suggested I ask about the discretionary funds that are meant for projects like this. He explained that each district gets money to use for beautification amongst other projects and that we should explore that option before trying to fund ourselves. Additionally he mentioned that we should explore the Quimby act with regard to this project as well. Are you familiar and can we make a proposal to use District 4 discretionary funds for this project?

Thanks!

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Wed, Oct 10, 2018 at 3:19 PM

To: <>  
Cc: Taylor Bazley <taylor.bazley@lacity.org>, <>

1. One other thought I have to shave off some of the cost is to have volunteers do the planting, I have a wholesale account with a couple of nurseries and I can get all the plants at cost, so it will be \$9,760+tax instead of \$20,616 from the bid. I asked my landscaper if he's willing to do all the prep work, irrigation, and laydown the DG. Actually I don't think he will charge \$10K to do the planting. I can supervise and I love to play with dirt :)
2. Maybe we can start building the GoFundMe page while we are waiting for answers from Taylor and VR?

Thanh

Wed, Oct 10, 2018 at 10:25 PM

Saul Janson <>  
To: <>  
Cc: Taylor Bazley <taylor.bazley@lacity.org>, <>

Hey

Thanks for your input and enthusiasm. My view is that we should let a professional landscaper do the job. It is a huge job, with leveling and grading in addition to all the hardscape. Perhaps if we are unsuccessful raising the funds, we can look at plan B's, but I do not think the landscaper will want to start working with a community group or another landscaper to install the job.

While we anticipate raising funds to cover professional maintenance for the first few months, I'm sure there will be plenty of time and opportunity for people to get their hands dirty with weeding, replanting, upkeep, etc.

Best,

Saul

Sent from Mail for Windows 10



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Thu, Oct 11, 2018 at 9:23 AM

To: <>  
Cc: <>, Taylor Bazley <taylor.bazley@lacity.org>  
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Saul,  
Yes absolutely that it has to be professionally done! My neighbor/business partner is a professional landscaper and he has done a lot of installations in the Hollywood Hills and would do the project at cost. He would have no issue having the community do the planting if I'm there to supervise. Unfortunately I just found out that he is leaving in November to do installations in Majorca and Malaysia and won't be back for a year, those crazy rich asians...I can still source the plants at cost if that's an option. Here's the spreadsheet that I put together for the plant cost.

 **Plant List.xlsx**  
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Thu, Oct 11, 2018 at 10:46 AM

**Saul Janson** <>  
To: <>  
Cc: <>, Taylor Bazley <taylor.bazley@lacity.org>  
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Saul

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 11, 2018 9:23 AM  
**To:**  
**Cc:** ; Taylor Bazley; I  
**Subject:** Re: Pass Through

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Thu, Oct 11, 2018 at 4:07 PM

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To: < >, Taylor Bazley <taylor.bazley@lacity.org>,  
Cc: < >  
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Sorry!!! I didn't mean it that way. No problem, I deleted the comment. The way it was done for the Venice/Electric project is once you are set on a landscaper, have people write the check directly to the landscaper, collect the checks and hand them to him when you have enough money. Or you can have the checks written to you. However, our project was only \$15K, the landscaper did it at cost.

Thanh

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Saul

Thu, Oct 11, 2018 at 5:39 PM

**Taylor Bazley** <taylor.bazley@lacity.org>

To: < >  
Cc: Saul Janson < >  
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Love the deep dive and questioning of the quote!

Quimby funds are only for parks so your friend must have misunderstood the location - besides it only being for parks most parks used all their Quimby years ago. The only sort of discretionary funds are that which the Council Office gets to run its whole operation including staff salaries. It is not a big pot which is why i've talked about a grant we can give looking like a few thousand with hopefully more money coming from the Supervisor's office whom has a very much larger grant program in house. The only other funds we have control of are a few limited special funds like the civic fund which we can use to purchase art or funds to direct special operations like tree trims. Mostly we have to utilize departmental resources to do things that the municipal government has programs already to do.

LADWP has a public grant program we tried to shoe horn this into but it just didn't fit.

-Taylor

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